

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF
THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN
CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of
Greatest Interest From All
Parts of World.

Southern.

Judge W. H. Hardy of Guilford, Miss., has received a telegram from Senator Vardaman in Washington, requesting Mr. Hardy to locate a furnished cottage at Pass Christian suitable for occupancy by President Wilson during his vacation, and including a request that no attempt be made to ask the president for an address, as he had declined.

Deal L. Johnson, known throughout the South as the "first bale man of Georgia," and one of the most prominent negroes in that section of Georgia contiguous to Albany, died in Albany as he was being hurried to a hospital. Jackson was one of the most interesting men in the South, and though he refused to take active part in politics he was one of the best known leaders of his race. His big plantation in the western part of the county of Dougherty is one of the best in southwest Georgia, and Jackson had accumulated his fortune as a farmer.

Prigen Beasley, one of the oldest men in Georgia, was buried at his home near Statesboro, Ga. Mr. Beasley was born in Bulloch county and lived in the same spot for over a hundred years. He was born in a leap year, on February 29, and though he has seen 100 summer, he has had but twenty-five actual birthdays, this date falling every four years. On his one hundredth anniversary he was given a celebration which was attended by 1,500 people. He was at that time in the best of health.

At a local option election in Staunton, Va., the "drys" won out by 98 majority. The vote polled was the heaviest in the history of the city, being near the 1,500 mark. Staunton voted dry several years ago and at the following election voted wet and has remained so to this time.

Fire in the heart of the business section of Savannah, Ga., destroyed property estimated at \$135,000. Three firemen were overcome by smoke and a policeman knocked down by an automobile during the fire, which totally destroyed the old Lippman building on the southwest corner to Barnard and Congress streets.

John W. Thomas, Jr., president of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, died in Nashville. Mr. Thomas had been ill for three weeks in Tennessee capital with pleurisy pneumonia. He was born at Murfreesboro, Tenn., August 24, 1856. At an early age he moved to Nashville and was educated there, attending the Montgomery-Bell academy and later Vanderbilt university. In 1878, at the age of 22 years, he secured his first important railroad position, although previous to that time he had been in the railroad service. He had been in railroad service many years.

General.

The Gaynor Memorial Association of New York City has decided in a general way on the form the memorial shall take. It is suggested that there be an arch or pillars forming a part of the new terminals of the Brooklyn bridge, across which Mayor Gaynor walked almost daily.

Since the Christmas rush of business began in Chicago a new record has been established in the Chicago postoffice by the handling of an average of 215 tons of parcel post matter a day.

Given up for lost, the crew of the dismantled abandoned steel ship Dilgonar, owned in London, are on their way to Dover aboard the French ship Loire, which picked them up on October 9, a thousand miles off the coast of Chile. Capt. J. Ibeister and three of his men are dead. First word of the loss of the Dilgonar, which carried a crew of about thirty, reached San Francisco on December 10, when the French bark Marie anchored. Captain Moricet of the Marie sighted the Dilgonar 1,200 miles off the coast of Chile on October 28.

Two negroes, Ernest and Frank Williams, were lynched by a mob at Blanchard, La., after they had confessed to killing Cal Ballard, a white man. Ballard's body was found hacked to pieces in his store. Ballard gained his release from the Louisiana penitentiary some months ago after he had killed three negro prisoners who were trying to escape. It is believed the Williams brothers were friends of the negroes Ballard killed.

In filing the annual report with the new legislature at Albany, N. Y., the state athletic commission shows that since the boxing law went into effect in August, 1911, over one hundred thousand dollars has been paid into the state comptroller's office as the tax on gross receipts of all licensed clubs operating in New York.

A sentence of 43 days' imprisonment was pronounced by a court martial on Lieut. Baron Von Forstner of the Ninety-ninth infantry, for cutting down with his saber a lame shoemaker in Zaberna, Alsace, Germany, on December 2.

John Howe Peyton, chief engineer of construction of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, has been elected president of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, effective on April 1, 1914, to succeed John W. Thomas, Jr., deceased.

The international commission, sitting in Florence, Italy, for the deliberation of the Albanian frontier, has decided unanimously to abide any decision which may be reached in London.

Dr. Howard Kelly, a Baltimore surgeon, is convinced that it is the imperative duty of the Federal government for the public good to take possession at once of all radium-bearing ore in the United States.

Thirty-eight men were killed in the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company by an explosion of coal dust. Two miners were rescued after the underground workings had caught fire. All the victims were married and all but six or eight were Americans and lived in New Castle, Colo. Men in charge of the rescue work asserted that it probably would be a day or two before the bodies could be recovered. Before sundown the mine had cleared of gas and a thorough exploration of the wrecked workings was made.

Theodore Roosevelt and his party on their arrival at Corumba, Brazil, were warmly received by the civic authorities and the people. The president of the municipality greeted Colonel Roosevelt, expressing to him the satisfaction of the people of Corumba at the honor of the visit. The colonel has accepted an invitation to join in a jaguar and wild boar hunt, for which preparations have been made. The president of Mato Grosso will join Colonel Roosevelt on December 21.

One of the biggest private real estate deals on record in England was completed in the purchase of the Duke of Bedford's block of Freehold property in the center of London for something over \$50,000,000 by Harry Malaby-Deeple, a Unionist member of the House of Commons. The exact figures were withheld by the agents, but experts based their calculations on the cost of acquiring the property for the Aldwych and Kingsway improvement, which amounted to \$22,200,000.

The battleships Wyoming, Arkansas, Utah and Florida went into the port of New York out of the teeth of a five days' gale that marked the end of a long voyage.

Washington.

All assistants postmasters will be exempted under the postoffice appropriation bill, completed by the house committee on postoffices and to be reported immediately after the holiday recess, from civil service examinations.

A sweeping declaration in favor of the principle of government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines and an assertion that the postal service now is self-supporting for the first time since 1883, are features of the annual report of Postmaster General Burleson, transmitted to congress. Concerning the acquisition of telephone and telegraph lines, Postmaster General Burleson says that the government has demonstrated its capacity to conduct public utilities, and, from his present information, he is inclined clearly to the taking over of the telephone and telegraph lines.

"Reactionaries who think to weaken the advocacy of progressive measures by declaring that they are the products of hysteria," were roundly denounced in New York City by Secretary Daniels of the navy in an address at the dinner of the North Carolina Society of New York. "The real trouble," said Secretary Daniels, "is that this so-called hysteria hurts. It keeps party pledges, it does not take from labor the bread it earns, it makes protection-built wealth pay income tax and it elects senators direct from the people." He was roundly cheered after he sat down.

Secretaries Garrison and Daniels received an explanation from Major General Aleshire, U. S. A., Brigadier General McIntyre, U. S. A., and Rear Admiral Howard of the incidents at the recent dinner of the military order of the Carabao, which had aroused the displeasure of President Wilson and his cabinet. These officers of the organization submitted copies of the songs and lines in the travesties and satires upon administration policies and members of the cabinet, with a letter of regret that anything should have given offense. This, it is stated, ends the matter.

After five hours of debate, the Republican national committee determined that it was clothed with ample power to readjust the composition of the party's national convention and had authority to make reforms in convention rules and procedure that have been demanded by many elements since the convention of 1912 and the Democratic victory at the polls last November. With little bitterness and no tangible evidence that differences which arose over the methods employed could be reconciled, the committee took steps which have been agitated 30 years.

The administration currency reform bill, proposing a revision of the financial system of the United States and the creation of regional reserve banks to act as stabilizing elements in the banking and financial world, passed the senate by a vote of 54 to 34. The forces that had fought together for improvement and amendment of the measure to the last divided when the final vote came. Senator Hitchcock, who had led the opposition to the bill, returned to the Democratic ranks and Senator Weeks, a leader on the Republican side, with five other Republicans voted for the measure.

RATE HEARING OVER

ALL PARTIES GIVEN UNTIL JANUARY FIFTEENTH TO FILE BRIEFS.

ENTIRE RECORD A BIG ONE

Representatives of Virginia Cities Charged That Proposed Reduction Would Give North Carolina Cities Advantage.

Greensboro.—The hearing on the petition of the carriers to put into effect the new freight rates in North Carolina and the intervening petition of Virginia cities against it was concluded before Chairman Edgar E. Clark of the Interstate Commerce Commission recently. Three days had been consumed in the examination of witnesses and the introduction of voluminous exhibits.

The entire road will be a big one and it will take the commission some time to go into it. The impression prevails that a temporary order will be made by the commission permitting the rates to go into effect, and, if upon examination of the record the commission is of the opinion that the rates are unfair to other points, the temporary order will be revoked. After the hearing members of the State Corporation Commission, other representatives of the state, the carriers and shippers feel confident that the ultimate result will favor North Carolina.

Chairman Clark, representatives of the Virginia cities and the Carolina officers left for their homes. The attitude of Chairman Clark, who is from Iowa, as presiding officer was fair to all parties, but several expressions indicated that he believes in giving effect to agreements between railroads and shippers that reduce rates.

At the opening of the morning's session Mr. James, attorney for the Virginia cities, recalled E. E. Williamson, at arts expert of Washington, who testified for the intervenors. He was cross-examined by Mr. Travis, Mr. Forster and others. He was the principal witness for the Virginia cities. He showed a thorough familiarity with rates and rate structures.

Following the examination of Mr. Williamson one or two witnesses were recalled and at 1 o'clock the hearing was adjourned. All parties were given until January 15 to file briefs.

Ships Car Load of Eggs.

Hickory.—The first solid carload of eggs to New York City was shipped by Catawba Creamery recently. The car is valued at \$1,800. The creamery is shipping about two cars of eggs weekly but this is the first solid car to be shipped to one city.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders Saturday plans were discussed for enlarging the business. It was found that the business for the last six months from June 1 equalled the total amount for the previous year. Eighty-nine thousand pounds of butter was produced.

Five new cream routes were established in the past month, two in this county and three in Iredell. Plans were discussed for the establishment of an automobile route over the new sand-clay road through Newton and Maiden to Lincoln and returning by Startown. When this is established the creamery will be able to handle all the farmers' produce of any kind.

Sanatorium Chartered.

Raleigh.—A charter was issued recently for the Harper's Sanatorium a training school for nurses of Wilmington, capital \$3,000 authorized, and \$300 subscribed by Dr. Charles T. Harper, Jessie I. Harper and C. C. Loughlin for conducting a sanatorium and school for nurses.

Tobacco Market Closes.

Mount Airy.—The local tobacco market closed recently after selling more than 3,000,000 pounds. As an evidence of satisfactory prices, the Farmers' Union Dry Prizery has not dried a single pound for it is the farmers' purpose to pool only when prices are unsatisfactory.

Banquet For Buncombe Bar.

Asheville.—The members of the Buncombe Bar Association have named December 29 as the date for holding their annual banquet and the event this year promises to be one of unusual interest. A committee has been appointed to make arrangements for this year's spread. Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan and Senator Luke Lea, both of whom will spend the Christmas holidays in Asheville, will be invited to speak to the lawyers of this county at the approaching banquet.

Tobacco Brings a Big Price.

Mebane.—The local tobacco market reports for the past month 419,489 pounds of tobacco sold, the average price a pound for the entire month being 25.62 cents. This is by far the best average price for any month here since the warehouses were built. So far this season practically as much tobacco has been sold here as during all of the last season. The commission, as well as the returns to the farmers, have been almost twice those of any former season in this county.

STATE FARMERS CLOSE BIG MEET

STATE UNION UNANIMOUS IN ADOPTING RACE SEGRREGATION.

UNION IS IN BETTER SHAPE

Reports of Officials Show Increase in Number of County Organizations and Financial Stability.—Prepare For Torrence System.

Raleigh.—One of the best meetings in the history of the Farmers' Union of North Carolina concluded its session here recently. Since the last meeting three new county unions have been organized, leaving only nine of the 100 counties having no local unions. The state treasury is in better conditions by \$3,000 than a year ago, and the business enterprises of the unions are doing more business and are on a better basis than ever before.

The main features of the session were the passage of a number of important resolutions and the election of officers for the ensuing year. The old officers, with the exception of the Executive Committee, were re-elected as follows: President, H. Q. Alexander; vice president, J. M. Templeton; state lecturer and secretary, E. C. Fairies. The Executive Committee consists of C. C. Wright of Wilkes, W. B. Gibson, of Iredell and W. H. Moore of Pitts, re-elected, and Clarence Poe of Raleigh and S. H. Hobbs of Sampson, now elected for the first time.

It was decided to abandon the policy of having a summer meeting, and the next annual session therefore will be in December, 1914.

Perhaps the most important action taken in the session was the unanimous endorsement of the proposition of a law allowing neighborhoods where most of the land is owned by one race to say by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters that in future no land should be sold to a person of the opposite race, provided the action is approved by a reviewing judge or board or county commissioners, as being necessary to their peace and safety.

The preamble recites "That the crowding of undesirable negroes in white communities makes social conditions intolerable for white women and families, lowers land values owned by white people and often drives white families to other sections. The resolution also declares that the immoral mixing of the races is the greatest menace to the supremacy of the white race and demands drastic legislation on this subject.

The Attorney General is requested to prepare the necessary blanks and circulars of instructions for having the clerks of the court put the Torrence system of registering land titles immediately into force when the law becomes effective January 1 and the clerks of the court are requested to appoint examiners of titles at once.

Another resolution asks the Secretary of the treasury to extend the time for this crop loans until March 1.

The idea of having "Civil Service Week" set apart by the Governor next November was unanimously endorsed as was also a movement for getting the heads of the various state institutions and departments together to devise plans for more effective co-operation.

North Carolina Republican Delegates.

Special from Washington says the final action of the Republican National Committee, providing that as many congressional districts that cast as many as 7,500 Republican votes in 1908, or will cast that many in 1914 will give North Carolina 21 delegates in the next National Convention, unless the First, Second and Sixth Districts improve on their votes of 1908. That year Isaac M. Myers received 5,342; M. M. Ferguson, 3,361; and A. H. Sloan, 6,385. The Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth will have two delegates each, and the First, Second and Sixth, one each. North Carolina had 24 delegates last year.

Kinston Merchants Form Branch.

A branch of the Kinston Merchants' Association, one of the liveliest business men's organizations in east Carolina, will be organized at LaGrange. The preliminaries to the forming of the branch were arranged by President H. E. Moseley and a committee of Kinston merchants. The LaGrange branch will be affiliated with the local association. The Kinston organization now has members in Lenoir, Pitt, Wayne, Onslow, Jones and Greene Counties, and has the most complete credit rating lists in the state.

No Investigation of Peanut Trust.

There is to be no investigation by the Department of Justice into the operations of the so-called peanut trust. Agents of the Department have been at work for the past month investigating complaints filed by peanut growers in North Carolina and Virginia to the effect that the trust had cornered the market on peanuts and was fixing the price of this commodity. These agents have reported to Attorney General McReynolds that they have been unable to discover the existence of such a trust.

Industrial Growth Substantial.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, just out, shows some astonishing figures for North Carolina.

The corporation tax, which for the Nation is \$6,776,583.69, in excess of the highest corporation tax assessed during any previous year, increased rapidly in North Carolina.

The figures for the fourth and fifth districts of North Carolina for total net income, upon which a tax of one per cent is levied, are: For 1912, fourth district, \$1,424,073.3, and fifth district, \$1,016,782.75.

In 1913 the net income figures jumped up as follows: Fourth district, \$5,337,663.37, and fifth district, \$1,159,936.05.

The number of returns for the same districts for the two years were: 1912, 318 and 200 and 1913, 1,340 and 203.

The capital stock of the corporations taxed increased as follows: From \$14,197,392.53 in 1912 to \$8,849,167.03 in 1913, to \$45,915,000.96 and \$9,179,632.67 in 1913.

These figures indicate that North Carolina is growing substantially industrially.

The report issued by Col. W. H. Osborn, as Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has some interesting features for North Carolina.

The most remarkable thing in the entire report is the growth of North Carolina corporations which pay a tax to Uncle Sam.

The report shows a decline in the number of moonshiners pursued.

Oleomargarine manufacturers will be interested in the recommendations of the Commissioner.

The two North Carolina collection districts paid in taxes last year as follows: The western district, \$5,252,129.15 and the eastern, \$5,517,138.71. The number of distilleries reported for seizure in North Carolina the last two fiscal years were: For 1912, 486 and 1913, 446.

Number seized and destroyed, 1912, 267 and 1913, 282.

Prosecutions recommended, 1912, 348 and 1913, 248.

Persons arrested, 1912, 86 and 1913, 71.

Amount expended for special employes, 1912, \$6,248.15 and 1913, \$6,392.95.

For information, possessments, etc., for 1912, \$5,131.95 and 1913, \$4,761.90.

The total amount expended in North Carolina to chase "moonshiners" for 1912 was \$11,411.59 and for 1913, \$11,209.55.

Will Have Farm Demonstration.

The board of county commissioners having at its meeting here recently in this month voted to discontinue the appropriation of \$369 a year for farm demonstration work in Davidson county. H. B. Varner, in a signed statement set in blackface type on the front page of his paper, "The Dispatch," says:

"Realizing the importance of the co-operative farm demonstration work to all the people of Davidson county, and feeling a personal interest in the prosperity and happiness of every man, woman and child in this good county, I hereby guarantee \$500, or more, if necessary, to carry on this work for 1914 in co-operation with the State and National Governments. This should be appropriated out of the \$97,390.30 which the people of the county pay in taxes annually, but since the county commissioners have refused to do this, the necessary funds will be contributed by The Dispatch and progressive citizens who love the county and want to see it go forward and upward and stand in the forefront with the other progressive counties of the state."

E. J. Justice Is Now Busy.

A copy of The San Francisco Chronicle received here shows that E. J. Justice, recently appointed as assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, is engaged in the prosecution of important suits brought by the Government to recover valuable mineral and oil lands from the Southern Pacific Railway Company and other allied interests. This work will probably consume most of his time for several months.

Vote Bonds For Railroad.

A bond issue of \$40,000 to build a railroad from Shelby to Casar, in upper Cleveland carried in the Casar railroad district by 192 majority. An election on a \$40,000 bond issue for good roads in No. 3 Township failed by a slight margin.

Dinner For Newspaper Men.

Invitations have been sent to every newspaper man in North Carolina inviting him to attend the annual dinner of the weak following Christmas. Plates will be laid for about four hundred persons and it is fully expected that this number will be present. Senator Simmons will be the principal speaker of the occasion. Fred N. Tate, president of North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association, will be another one of the speakers and he will delight his audience with the full details of the fight.

Organize For Rural Credit.

First in this state to put into effect suggestions offered by the North Carolina members of the Special Commission which last summer visited Europe to inspect rural credit systems there, Catawba county has practically completed the organization of a rural credit association modeled after the building and loan plan, along the lines proposed by the commission. The office of the association, which will be known as the Catawba County Rural Credit Association, will be located at Hickory.

POULTRY AWARDS ARE MADE

Judges Pass on the High Standard of Birds at Southeastern Poultry Show.

Charlotte.—Concluding at an earlier stage than usual the by no means easy task of choosing the choicest specimens in the Southeastern Poultry Show, the committee of judges recently announced the awards of honors. The judges are men of exceptional ability and experience, the committee being composed of: Mr. J. H. Drevenstadt of Buffalo, who formerly judged in Madison Square Garden and Chicago; Mr. Percy Cook of Scotch Plains, N. J., and Mr. Loring Brown of Georgia, a well-known writer and authority on poultry topics.

The attendance was the largest thus far and much interest was shown. The judges declare that the average quality of the present show is of the highest order.

The special prize for the best male bird in the show was awarded to the Densmore Poultry Farm of Roanoke, Va., a singlecomb White Leghorn winning the \$100 silver loving cup.

The best female in the show is a Black Langshan hen shown by Mr. August Lawson, the prize being a \$50 silver cup; the \$25 cup for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet was given to Sandy Run Poultry Farm, Ellenboro, this cup being offered by Congressman E. Y. Webb.

The \$30 silver loving cup given by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company for the best pen goes to Mr. Walter R. Byford on Black Langshans.

The \$50 prize for the best cock Orpington in the show was won by Mr. John Bass Brown. A \$25 loving cup for the best cock in the show goes to J. R. Moore & Sons of Shelby on Barred Rock. The \$25 cup for the best hen was won by Mr. John B. Brown on a Black Orpington.

A \$25 cup for the best pullet shown was won by Mrs. M. M. Springs of Chester, S. C., on a Buff Plymouth Rock.

Four New Charters.

Raleigh.—The Valdeze Manufacturing Company of Valdeze, Burke County, capital \$125,000 authorized, and \$50,000 subscribed by about 25 stockholders for operating cotton mills and for generating and supplying electric power and lights. The incorporators include J. Garrou, John Long, John Garrou and others. Thacker's Shoe Store, High Point, capital \$50,000 authorized, and \$2,200 subscribed by W. M. Thacker, N. B. Petty and others for a mercantile business, especially dealing in shoes. The Howard Jobbing Company, Weldon, capital \$25,000 authorized, and \$5,000 subscribed by C. W. Howard, J. H. Crocker and others. The A. R. Biggs Iron & Motor Co., Williamston, capital \$25,000 authorized, and \$12,000 subscribed by S. R. Biggs, J. W. Biggs and others.

New Jail For Concord.

Concord.—The Board of County Commissioners held a special meeting recently for the purpose of considering plans for building a new jail. The present jail is inadequate and out of date and has been an object of much criticism. The commissioners decided to build a new jail and appoint Chairman Weddington and Commissioners Goodman and Widenhouse a committee to consider plans for the new structure. The committee will meet at an early date and go into the details of the project and work the plans and cost.

Southern Furniture Show.

High Point.—Secretary Stephens Clark, announces that he is preparing very rapidly to have launched a larger and better Southern Furniture Exposition which opens here January 12, and holds to the 26. Mr. Clark's correspondence shows that a greater number of buyers will attend the mid-winter show and that the factories in North Carolina have nearly all responded with their lines.

Sherrill Succeeds Morrison.

Raleigh.—Adjutant General Young has received the resignation of Second Lieut. Bert Nichols of Troop B Asheville Cavalry and Capt. Robert R. Reynolds of the troop is ordered to hold an election to fill the vacancy. Lieut. Walter E. Sherrill has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieutenant Morrison, Company E First Regiment at Statesville.

Refuses to Honor S. C. Papers.

Raleigh.—Governor Daughtridge declined recently to honor a requisition from Governor Blease of South Carolina for J. S. Hare, now in Winston-Salem and wanted in South Carolina on the charge of getting money under false pretenses from J. P. and R. T. Cloud of Chester. The requisition charges that Hare procured \$388 with which to open a meat market in Charlotte and then disappeared, going first, they charge to California and then turning up in Winston-Salem, where he went into business.

Pastor for 36 Years.

Winston-Salem.—Dr. H. A. Brown, dean of local pastors, celebrated his thirty-sixth anniversary as pastor of the First Baptist church in this city recently, with appropriate exercises attended by people of every denomination and in charge of the pastors of other city churches. Dr. Brown is always spoken of as "Winston's Best Loved Man," and probably no pastor in the country holds the affection of his congregation as does this man, who located here after completing service in Confederate army.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 28

A DAY OF DECISION.
(Review.)

READING LESSON—Joshua 24; Heb. 11:23-31.

GOLDEN TEXT—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

The lessons for this past quarter, omitting the temperance lesson, cover one of the most interesting periods in the history of Israel. In them there are presented five of Israel's greatest characters—Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Joshua and Caleb; one of the strangest characters in all history—Baalim; and the typical troublemaker of the nation, Achan. We have presented the strength and weakness, victory and defeats, of four, Moses, Aaron, Miriam, and Joshua.

Israel's History.

The first of the scripture passages presented for the day's reading lesson contains the farewell discourse of Joshua. In it he surveys Israel's history from the days of Terah to the moment they possessed Canaan, emphasizing that in it all God was directing and operating. He then appeals to them to serve Jehovah and to put away all other Gods. The alternative is, that with such evidence before their eyes, if it seemed evil to serve Jehovah, they had choice between the gods their fathers abandoned beyond the river and those they had found in the land. As for him, he said his choice was made, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." After repeated declarations of loyalty on their part Joshua entered into a covenant with them that they were to serve Jehovah. The passage taken from Hebrews ought to begin at verse thirty.

Moses leads out of Egypt (a type of sin), through the wilderness experiences, but could not lead them into the land; Joshua took up the work where Moses left off and led them into the promised possession; but he was not able to lead them into that perfect rest which only comes from a perfect conformity to the will of God. The message of the Book of Hebrews is that of the son who fulfills all that these great leaders of the past failed to do. He leads from bondage into possession and on to the final rest which remains for the people of God.

Recapitulation.

Omitting the temperance lesson (Nov. 9) six of these lessons deal with Moses as the leader, and in five we have Joshua as the leader of Israel.

I. Under Moses' Leadership. Lesson I. 10:1-18, 24, 25. (1) Complaint and controversy, vv. 10-15; (2) Comfort and Counsel, vv. 16-18, 24, 25.

Lesson II. Jealousy and Envy Punished, Num. ch. 12. (1) The Accusation, vv. 1, 2; (2) The Arrest, vv. 4, 5; (3) The Arraignment, vv. 6-8; (4) The Judgment, vv. 9-10; (5) The Intercession, vv. 11-12.

Lesson III. The Report of the Spies, Num. 13:1-3, 25-33. (1) The Spies, vv. 1-3; (2) The Majority Report, vv. 25-29; (3) The Minority Report, vv. 30-33; (4) The Sequel, ch. 14.

Lesson IV. The Sin of Moses and Aaron, Num. 20:1-13. (1) The People's Petition, vv. 1-5; (2) God's Plan, vv. 6-8; (3) Moses' Mistake, vv. 9-13; (4) Deception, (b) Pride, (c) Self-glory, (d) Disobedience.

Lesson V. Balak and Balaam, Num. 22:1-6, 24:10-19. (1) The Call to Curse, 22:1-6; (2) The Wayside Challenge, 22:22-35; (3) The Changeless Message, ch. 24.